

Randomized Quasi-Monte Carlo for MCMC

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Local Search and Optimization Algorithms (LSOA)

- Search locally a region of the state space to sample from.
- Adapt locally to improve the efficiency of the algorithm.
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Multiple-Try Metropolis (Liu , Liang and Wong, JASA 2000),
Hit-and-Run (Chen and Schmeiser, JCGS 1993),
Adaptive Direction Sampling (Gilks, Roberts and George, Stat. 1994),
Delayed rejection (Green and Mira, Biomka, 2001),
Directional Metropolis (Eidsvik and Tjelmeland , Statist. & Comput. 2006).

Idea: Produce a more structured search using stratified sampling.

Today's Topic: Discussion of RQMC implemented within LSOA.

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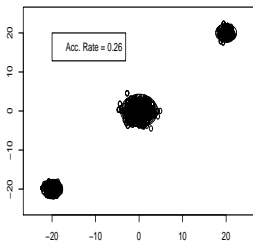
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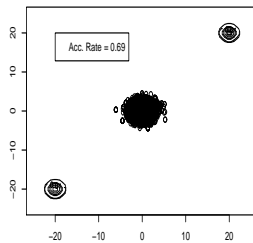
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- Use MD-MTM for a random walk Metropolis with Gaussian proposal and variances $\sigma \in \{5, 50, 100, 150, 200\}$.
- Compare with MTM for a random walk Metropolis constructed with only one of the σ 's.

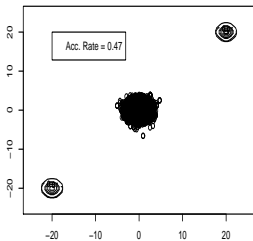
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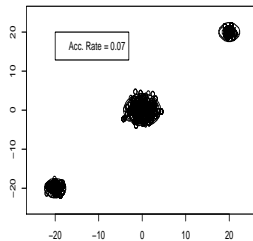
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- If $Y_j = \psi(X_t, U_j)$ with ψ increasing in U_j then we need to use U 's which are negatively associated (NA - Craiu and Meng, AnnStat. 2005).

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$$D_n^*(S_n) = \sup_{v \in (0,1)^d} |v_1 \dots v_d - \alpha(S_n, v)/n|.$$

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- Randomized versions of QMC (RQMC) algorithms are used to establish error estimates via Monte Carlo simulation. (Art Owen, Stanford; Christiane Lemieux, Waterloo; Pierre L'Ecuyer, Montréal).
- Randomization is performed so that it preserves the low-discrepancy of the set point.
- Makes QMC set points suitable for MC as marginals are uniform.
- RQMC and MCMC (Owen and Tribble, PNAS '05; Lemieux and Sidorsky, Math. & Comp. Model., 2006).

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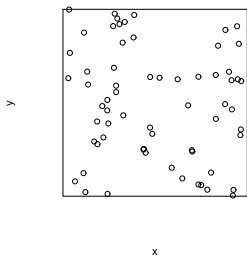
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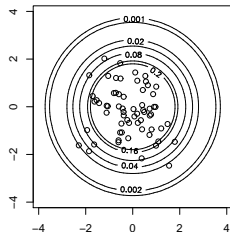
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LHS and Gaussian sampling: $K = 64, d = 2$

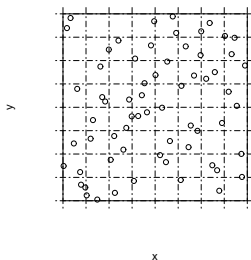
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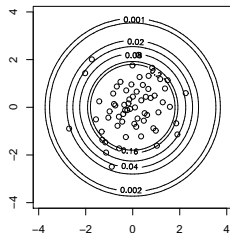
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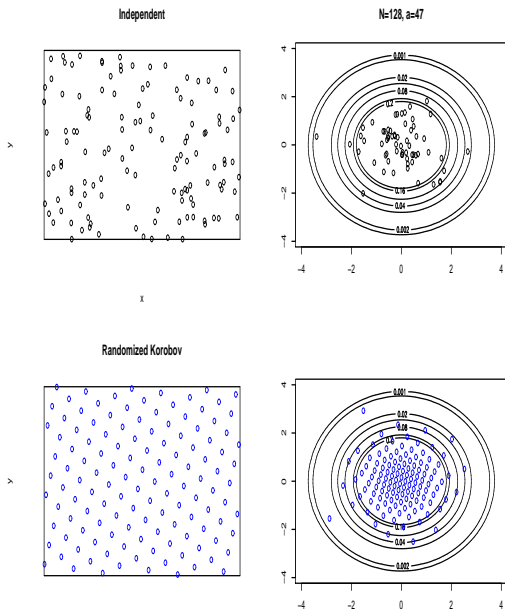
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To randomize add a vector $U_K \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)^d \bmod 1$ i.e.

$$S_K^R = S_K + U_K \bmod 1.$$

Example: Korobov rule and Gaussian sampling



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Going beyond uniformity

- Sometimes we want to "favor" regions in the hypercube but **uniformity is lost once we transform the QMC point set.**
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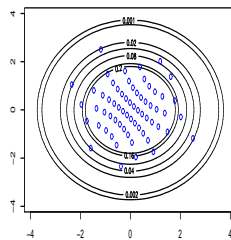
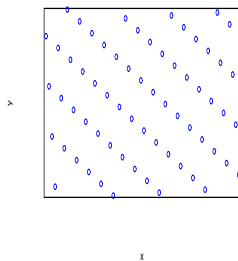
$$g(u) = \frac{\sin[\pi(u - 0.5)] + 1}{2}.$$

i) g is bijective.

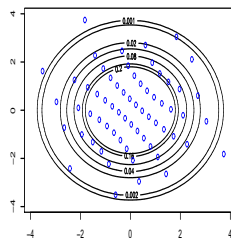
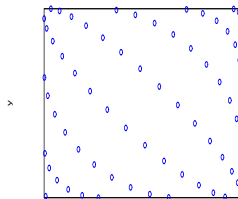
ii) $g(x) = x$, $\forall x \in \{0, 1/2, 1\}$, $g(u) + g(1 - u) = 1$, $\forall u \in (0, 1)$.

Example

Randomized Korobov



Transformed Korobov



Gaussian Proposals

Suppose $T(y|x)$ is a multivariate Gaussian with no correlation.

$$T(y|x) = \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{e^{-(y_j-x_j)^2/2\sigma_j^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j^2}}$$

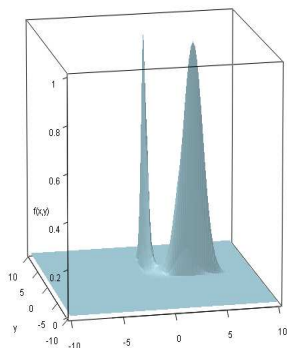
Then

$$\tilde{T}(y|x) = \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{e^{-(y_j-x_j)^2/2\sigma_j^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j^2}} \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\Phi(\frac{y_j-x_j}{\sigma_j}) \left[1 - \Phi(\frac{y_j-x_j}{\sigma_j})\right]}}$$

$$\lambda(y, x) = \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\left[1 - \Phi(\frac{x_j-y_j}{\sigma_j})\right] \Phi(\frac{x_j-y_j}{\sigma_j})}} = \lambda(x, y).$$

Use MCTM combined with random-ray Monte Carlo to sample from (Gelman and Meng, Am. Stat. '91)

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) \propto \exp\{-(9x_1^2x_2^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 8x_1 - 8x_2)/2\}$$



Efficiency Comparison

- At each iteration a random direction v is generated;
- Along direction v we sample proposals y_1, \dots, y_k around the current state x_t using $y_i = x_t + r_i$ with $r_i \sim \text{Uniform}(-\sigma, \sigma)$.

Table: Values of the MSE reduction factor $R = \frac{MSE_{anti}}{MSE_{ind}}$.

$\sigma \backslash k$	3	4	5	6
3	0.35	0.53	0.64	0.81
4	0.31	0.42	0.58	0.76
5	0.29	0.40	0.49	0.62

- Lupus Data (van Dyk and Meng, JCGS 2001): 55 patients, 2 covariates; logistic model.
- The posterior density is proportional to

$$\pi(\beta|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \propto \prod_{j=0}^2 \frac{e^{-0.5\beta_j/100^2}}{100\sqrt{2\pi}} \prod_{i=1}^{55} \left[\frac{\exp(X_i^T \beta)}{1 + \exp(X_i^T \beta)} \right]^{y_i} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \exp(X_i^T \beta)} \right]^{1-y_i}.$$

- Sample using MCTM with antithetically coupled proposals or stratified proposals via a randomized Korobov set shifted using the transformation g .

Table: Values of R for β_1 and $p_{25} = 1_{\{\beta_1 > 25\}}$ in the logit example.

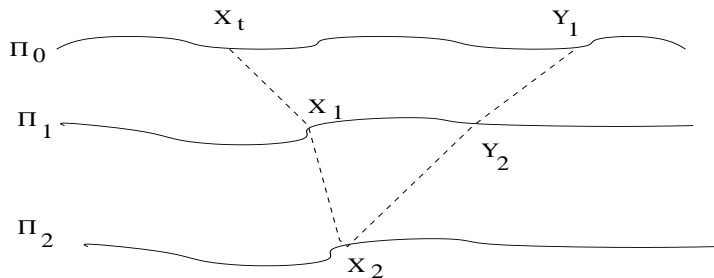
$k \setminus \sigma$	Antithetic			QMC		
	2	3	4	2	3	4
3	0.92/0.92	0.90/0.86	0.99/0.95	-	-	-
4	0.94/0.87	0.88/0.88	0.91/0.89	-	-	-
5	0.98/0.96	0.81/0.81	0.89/0.86	-	-	-
6	0.91/0.86	0.86/0.78	0.95/0.92	-	-	-
8	0.81/0.70	0.75/0.69	0.83/0.80	0.69/0.72	0.61/0.60	0.59/0.56
16	0.87/0.81	0.97/0.94	0.91/0.88	0.81/0.81	0.82/0.84	0.76/0.75

Table: Computation Times $k = 8$

Sample Size	MTM	MCTM (A)	MCTM (S)
10^5	34	36	32

Multi-Annealed Metropolis (MAM)

- Inspired by Neal's (Stat. & Comp., 1996) tempered transition method.
- Uses a series of distributions $\{\pi_t\}_{t \in \{1=T_0, T_1, \dots, T_M\}}$, constructed between the distribution of interest, π , and π_{T_M} .
- Relies on a "path" that crosses all the intermediate distributions.
- If $1 = T_0 < T_1 < T_2 = T$ and Q_{T_i} is a proposal distribution for $\pi_{T_i} \propto \pi^{1/T_i}$.
- Suppose that $Q_{T_i}(X|Y) = Q_{T_i}(Y|X)$ (e.g., random walk Metropolis).

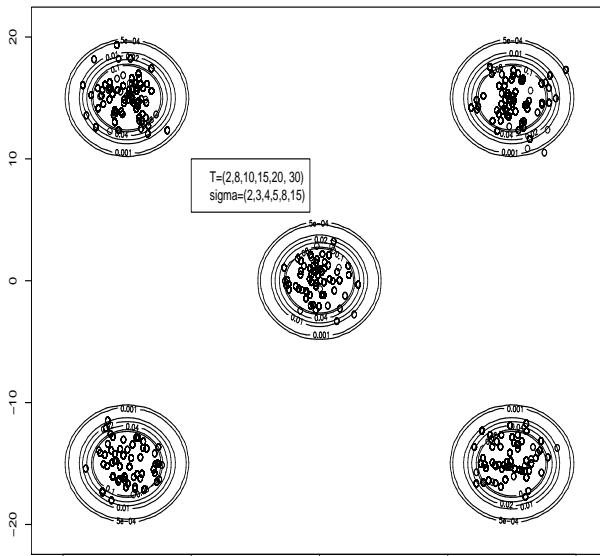


Given the chain is in state X :

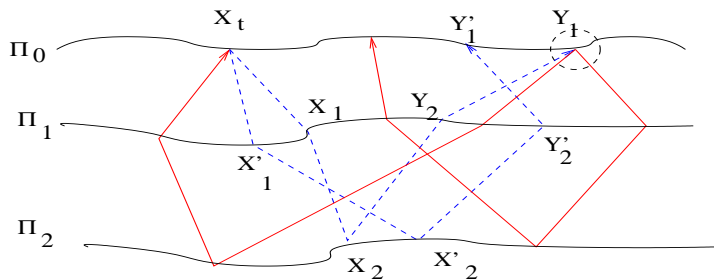
- i) Sample $X_1 \sim Q_1(\cdot|X)$, $X_2 \sim Q_2(\cdot|X_1)$, $Y_2 \sim Q_2(\cdot|X_2)$, $Y_1 \sim Q_1(\cdot|Y_2)$.
- ii) Accept Y_1 with probability $\min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi_0(Y_1)}{\pi_0(X)} \cdot \frac{\pi_2(X_1)\pi_1(Y_2)}{\pi_1(X_1)\pi_2(Y_2)} \right\}$.

Example

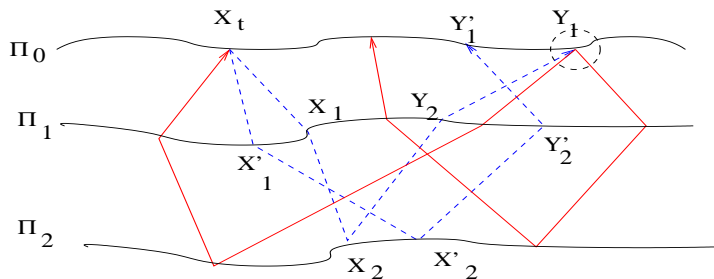
MAM(4)



Multiple-try extension of the MAM

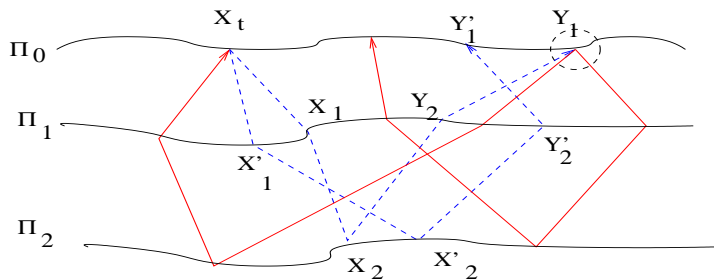


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MAM

Pros : increases the acceptance rate >10 fold, does not require running the parallel chains all the time;

Cons: Requires symmetric proposals.

Negative Association for Multiple-Try MAM

- Suppose that $X_i \sim Q_i(\cdot | X_{i-1}) \Leftrightarrow X_i = \psi_i(X_{i-1}, U_i)$ with $U_i \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]^d$ and ψ_i is monotone in each component of U_i .
- $Y_1 = \psi_1(\psi_2(\psi_2(\psi_1(X, U_1), U_2), V_2), V_1)$ and $Y'_1 = \psi_1(\psi_2(\psi_2(\psi_1(X, U'_1), U'_2), V'_2), V'_1)$.
- The paths **do not need to be generated independently**.
- If (U_i, U'_i) and (V_i, V'_i) are negatively associated then $\text{Corr}(Y_1, Y'_1) < 0$ so the average distance between the paths is larger than under independence.